

IN THE DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner contended that “tube shaped to have portion which engages the ear” of claim 21 and “an insertion tool ...” of claim 20 were not shown in the figures. Applicants respectfully disagree.

FIG. 3 of the application illustrates a side view of a hearing aid tube and eartip in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 4 illustrates a front view of the hearing aid tube and the eartip. FIG. 5 illustrates a side view of the hearing aid device that is positioned on a user's right ear. Moreover, the specification provides in page 5, lines 16-18, that the “tube is shaped to have a portion which engages the ear and a portion which extends into the ear canal” and that the “tube has sufficiently [*sic*] rigidity to position and hold the eartip in the ear canal when the tube is engaged with the ear.” As shown in FIGS. 3-5, the hearing aid comprises a tube 12 for connecting a hearing aid case 10 and an eartip 14 at opposite ends of the tube 12. The tube 12 is shaped to have a portion that can be engaged with the ear over the top of the ear (i.e., the hook portion 20 shown in FIGS. 3, 4, and 5) and a portion that extends into the ear canal (i.e., the lower bend portion 24 shown in FIGS. 4 and 5). See also page 8, lines 3-15 of the application.

FIG. 22 of the application illustrates an exploded view of an insertion tool 84, the hearing aid tube 12, and a flower-shaped eartip 14. As shown in FIG. 22, the insertion tool 84 can be used to assist a user to insert the hearing aid tube 12 into the eartip 14. See also page 16, line 19 - page 17, line 2 of the application. Since these features objected by the Examiner are clearly shown in the figures of the application, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.